

dear son, whose fortune would be great.

'Squire Simpson, who was a very sensible man, endeavoured to pacify his lady by telling her, that there was no accounting for the differences between children, and that both parties should be heard, before any one presumes to form a judgment of either. He represented Amintor and Florella as two sweet children, who would never quarrel with any one without some cause; and it was clear from his son's own confession, that he was the first offender, by threatening to take the book away from the poor little shepherd and shepherdess. Lord Simpson did not altogether like this mode of reasoning, and therefore left the room in a kind of pet.

Master Simpson and his papa being now left alone, Mr. Simpson took the opportunity thus to address him. "My dear boy, you are sensible that I am a

great expence in keeping tutors in my house to instruct you in all the polite branches of education, and yet I have the misfortune to find, that even the poor Amintor and Florella, whom you seem to despise on account of their poverty, are far richer in learning and mental refinements than you are. Learning is not to be bought by gold alone, but by great study, labour, and application, and youth is the time in which it must be acquired. That season lost is lost for ever, and an old age of ignorance succeeds it. In what light must you appear in the eyes of the world, when, after all the expence I have been at, two poor children, who have hardly any other tutor than nature, exceed you as much in learning, as you do them in the empty parade of riches? Be advised by me, my dear child, in future attend to your books, and then you will love the pretty Amintor and Florella as having been